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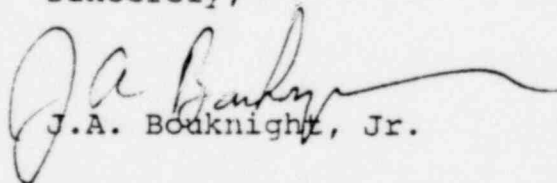
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Re: Houston Lighting & Power Company, et al.
Docket Nos. 50-498A and 50-499A

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. E.A. Turner, Vice President of Houston Lighting & Power Company, to Mr. Harold Denton, Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation, advising the Commission of the latest estimates for completion of construction of the South Texas Project.

Sincerely,


J.A. Bouknight, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: Attached Service List

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
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HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER)	Docket Nos. 50-498A
COMPANY, et al.)	50-499A
)	
(South Texas Project,)	
Units 1 and 2))	

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing:

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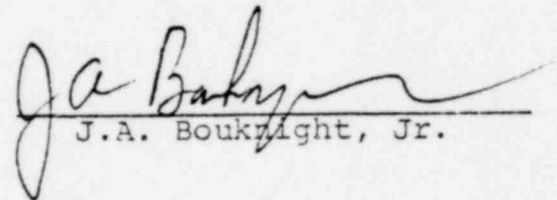
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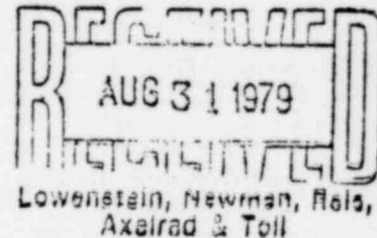
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August 29, 1979

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South Texas Project
Units 1 & 2



Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter will serve to confirm my telephone conference of August 29, 1979 with Mr. Steve Varga. I advised him that the owners of the South Texas Project are conducting a schedule and cost evaluation. While the evaluation is not complete, we are presently estimating that South Texas Project Units 1 and 2 will be ready to load fuel in September of 1983 and in September of 1985, respectively. The current estimate of cost for both units is approximately \$2.4 billion.

The cost and schedule evaluation is expected to be completed within about two months. At that time we shall file appropriate updated information on these matters in docket STN 50-498 and STN 50-499.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. A. Turner".

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